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No. 51(11) Office of the Game Preserves Officer,
Mysore, Dated March 1940.

From,

The Game Preserves Officer,
Mysore.

To,

The Chief Conservator of Forests
in Mysore, Bangalore.

Sir,

Subject:- Formation of a greater Sanctuary from Bandipur to Begur.

I have the honour to state that from the experience gained by the working of the Sanctuary at Chamarajanagar for the past 9 years and the study of the Sanctuaries else-where- Monas in Assam and Pidaung in Upper Burma, it is found that Chamarajanagar Sanctuary does not dully answer the purpose for which it was formed. The main defects are:-

1. The area is small. The extent of 35 Sqr.miles is not large enough for successful protection and preservation of Game. The Monas Sanctuary is 150 Sqr. miles in extent and the Pidaung extends over 300 Sqr. miles. In addition there are buffer areas round the Sanctuaries.

2. There are no perennial sources of water to keep the animals inside the Sanctuary during the summer months.

3. Cultivation extends right up-to the demarcation line in many places.

4. Intensive cultivation is allowed in ' Phodus ' by the Sholigars and many of them possess shooting licenses in the adjoining Jahagir Forest. Eviction is not possible - since it would work very hard on the resident Sholigars.

5. The Sanctuary proper is not easily accessible.

The roads in many places run through ghat sections where no game is likely to stop and special arrangements such as, - providing riding etc., have to be made if game has to be - seen in the Sanctuary. The maintenance of roads in the ghat sections for motors is also very costly.

6. Demands for grazing and fire-wood on the Forest are very great. Hordes of men, carts and cattle very often camp inside the Sanctuary. Game, men and cattle will have to use the same water source - no possiblity of providing grazing and fire-wood elsewhere than in the State Forest.

7. The absence of applications for seeing game is in itself a good proof that the area is out of the way and not within easy reach of ordinary persons.

8. There is no chance of the Sanctuary becoming self supporting even in the distant future.

In order to overcome the above disadvantages the forests from Bandipur to Begur may be formed into a - Sanctuary by throwing open the Chamarajanagar Forests for Sports-men. The area contains every kind of terrain - suited to the different kinds of game. There are two big rivers, Nugu and Kabini, flowing through and on to the - borders of the proposed area. The streamlets, such as, Varanchi, Vadali, Chemnahalla, Hebbahalla and Neltalihatti-halla hold water atleast in pits during summer months in the normal years of rain-fall. Except in a few places, - District Forests adjoin the demarcation lines and those - forests act as buffer areas for the main Sanctuary.

Arguments may be brought forward that instead of Sholigars in Chamarajanagar there are kurubars in this area and protests may be forthcoming from sports-men for closing such a vast extent of Forest. Kurubars do not do any - extensive cultivation and can be confined to the plantation area

areas which is not possible at Chamarajanagar as there are no extensive planting operations in that Forest. As it is, Bandipur, Beerambadi and Begur Forests are Game Preserves and soprts-men have no entry into those forests. Kalkere and Naganapur Forests with their extensions are not easily accessible and are not generally frequented by sports-men. On the other hand sports-men are expected to welcome the idea of throwing open Chamarajanagar Forests especially when they know that the Jahagir Forests whcih are at present - under Government management can also be operated without any extra fees or specific permission.

The only area stocked with game included in the present Sanctuary to which public had access is Ainurmari-gudi Sate Forest. All the rest is scrub jungle having little or no water during summer. They had to be included since protection from an artificial line will be difficult and some buffer areas are absolutely necessary for protection of the main game country. The other desideratum was the formation of a continuous block.

Since the proposed area is more than three times in extent to the Chamarajanagar Game Preserve itself, the - present sanctioned staff will not be able to manage such an extensive area without additional protective staff. Six - more Watchers (2 Head Game Watchers on Rs. 18/- each, 1 on Rs. 15/- and 3 on Rs. 12/-each) in addition to the existing Sanctuary and Game Preserves Staff will be sufficient to efficiently manage the proposed Sanctuary. The additional cost of Rs. 93/- (as per details given in the Schedule) - including a little increment of Rs. 6/- to the existing staff is expected to be realised by the imposition of license fees on the visitors. There is no doubt that in the long run the proposed Sanctuary will be in a position to support itself.

This area was not proposed at the outset owing to

to the fear that there was very heavy shooting on the - borders and strict preservation on our side would only act as - a store-house for their benefit. The conditions are now - altered. After prolomged deliberations of forming a - Sanctuary extending over 300 Sqr. miles, the Madras Government have now sanctioned a Sanctuary at Mudumalai, 23 Sqr. miles in extent. This atleast is something. The harassed animals will find an asylum in that little area or cross - over to our forests.

The chief works of improvement that have to be undertaken at-once are:-

1. Improving the road from Bandipur to Sultan - Battery Road Via, Chemnahalla, a distance of nearly 16 miles so as to make it fit for motors during the fair weather.

2, Making and maintaining the road for motor ~~trx~~ - traffic from Soredahalla to Kalkère Vai, Rampur.

3. Throwing a bridge across the River, Nugu at Rampur.

4. Maintaining the road for motor traffic from Kalkere to Begur.

5. Maintaining a serviceable raft to transport motors across the River, Kabini at Begur so as to connect Mysore - Monantody Road.

6. Improving the Forest Lodges at Kalkere and - Begur by provision of beds, crockery, cutlery etc.,

The other ambitious schemes of arranging for catering in the Forest Lodges and improving the roads from Kalkere to Konagattur, connecting Mulehole - Chickbarangi and on to Hediyal and opening a loop road from Byregadde to Bannur - gadde, Gundre and back to Chowdahalli may be taken up when the number of visitors increase and funds are forthcoming

for

for further improvements.

Bandipur, Beerambadi and Begur are Game - Preserves and the Royal party and its guests have the - exclusive privilege of shooting in those forests. When Chamarajanagar, which is also a Preserve is thrown out, absolute prohibition from shooting cannot be enforced for the Royal party and their guests in the newly formed - Sanctuary. Begur and Ainurmarigudi are the best timber Forests in the State. The idea of working the Forest in the Sanctuary is incompatible with the formation of a Sanctuary; yet extraction of forest produce has to be ~~xxxxx~~ continued in the interests of revenue.

The new Sanctuary has to be notified with the following reservations.

1. That extraction of Forest produce will - continue as before and special arrangements will be made to prevent congregation of men and cattle inside the - forests.

2. That the Royal party and their guests will have their special privileges of shooting. This right to be excercised with great circumspection and least - disturbance to Game, that is, shooting to be confined to old decrepit and solitary Bison and removal of carnivora and elephant tuskers whcih become a source of danger to human life and property.

3. The right to surround and drive elephants from Begur Forest to Keddahs to continue.

A copy of this has been forwarded to the - District Forest Officer, Mysore Division, Mysore, for his opinion.

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I have the honour to be,

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Your most obedient servant,

Sd/-D.N.Neelakanta Rao.
Game Preserves Officer.

Copy of the above is forwarded with compliments to the District Forest Officer, Mysore Division, Mysore. He is requested to kindly submit his opinion to the Chief Conservator of Forests in Mysore, Bangalore, along with a tracing of the State Forests mentioned in the Schedule.

Sd/-D.N.Neelakanta Rao.
Game Preserves Officer.

Copies of the above are submitted to the Kille Kacheri Bakshi, Palace, Mysore, for kind perusal and information.

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AREAS PROPOSED TO BE INCLUDED IN THE SANCTUARY.

Sl.No.	Name.		Extent.	Remarks.
1.	Bandipur State Forest.		35.00 Sqr.miles.	Game Preserve.
2.	Beerambadi.	"	102.50 "	"
3.	Begur	"	42.00 "	"
		Total area:-	179.50 "	
4.	Ainurmarigudi	"	38.66 "	Till recently was a Bison Preserve.
5.	Alaganchi	"	19.59 "	
6.	Katwal	"	10.2 "	
7.	Lakshmanpur	"	6.09 "	
8.	Naganapur	" Block I.	15.96 "	
		" II.	14.27 "	
		" III.	5.44 "	
9.	Kaniyanpur	" " I.	2.39 "	
		" II.	10.21 "	
10.	Beerambadi North East-Extension.		8.03 "	
		Total area:-	130.84	
		Grand Total:-	310.34 Sqr.miles.	

AREAS PROPOSED TO BE THROWN OUT.

1.	Chamarajanagar State Forest	97.32 Sqr.miles.	Game Preserve propsed to be thrown out in place of areas taken up for Sanctuary under items 4 to 8.
2.	Yelandur Jahagir Forest	40.00 Sqr.miles(about)	

N.B. This area till recently was not available for spots-men. Since it is now under Government management sports-men will have the benefit of working this well stocked Forest.

Total area:- 137-32 Sqr.miles.

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EXISTING STAFF.

CHAMARAJANAGAR GAME SANCTUARY.

1. Game Supervisor.	1 on Rs.30/-, 2/-, 50/-
2. Sanctuary Watchers.	5 on Rs. 12/-each.

Chamarajanagar Preserve.

1. Two Game Watchers	2 on Rs. 11/-each.

BANDIPUR AND BEERAMBADI PRESERVES.

1. Game Supervisor	1 on Rs.20/-, 3/2, 35/-.
2. Game Watcher	1 on Rs.15/-
3. -do-	3 on Rs.11/- each.

BEGUR PRESERVE.

1. Game Watcher	1 on Rs.11/-

Total:- Two Game Supervisors and 12 Watchers (1 on Rs.15/-, 5 on Rs.12/-, and 6 on Rs.11/-) amounting to Rs.141/-.

PROPOSED STAFF.

1. Game Supervisors	2 on the sanctioned scale.
2. Head Game Watchers	2 on Rs.18/-each.
3. Game Watchers	2 on Rs.15/-each.
4. -do-	14 on Rs.12/-each.

Total Watchers. Rs.234/-

Extra cost. Rs.93/- per month.

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THE PROPOSED STAFF WILL BE DISTRIBUTED AS FOLLOWS:-

Sl.No.	Designation.	Head Quarters.
1.	Game Supervisor	Bandipur.
2.	Head Game Watcher	Kekkanahalla
3.	Game watcher	Bandipur.
4.	"	Devarahalli
5.	"	Maddur
6.	"	Desipur
7.	"	Hediyal
8.	Head Game Watcher	Chick Barangi
9.	Game Watcher	Maliyur
10.	-do-	Kittur
11.	-do-	Begur
12.	-do-	Chowdahalli
13.	Game-Supervisor	Kalkere
14.	Game Watcher	Kalkere
15.	"	Rampur
16.	"	Mulehole
17.	"	Iron bridge.
18.	"	Chemnahalla
19.	"	Gundre.
20.	"	Bannurgadde.

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LICENSE FEES.

1. Stalking weekly licenses — Rs. 2/-

2. Driving in the motor-car round Bandipur and on to Begur Via, Chemnahalla and Rampur, per car per trip, return the same day. — Rs. 3/-
   1/3rd extra or Re.1/- — Rs. 4/-

3. Halt for the night in any of the Forest Lodges and return next day either way. — Rs. 6/-

4. Elephant ride to see Game from 6 to 10 A.M. and 4 to 6 P.M. — Rs. 5/-

5. Phtographing:-

   a) With box Cameras with fixed focus per Camera per day. — Re. 1/-

   b) Other (Still) Cameras, per Camera per day. — Rs. 2/-

   c) Movie Cameras limited to one reel of 120 feet, per Camera, per day. — Rs. 5/-

   No obejection for exposing more films provided proportionate fees are paid.

N.B:- No refunds allowed on any account such as, not seeing Game, not exposing films, want of optimum conditions etc.,

2. Visitors are requested not to distrub Game for making them pose or put them on the move for taking photographs.

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